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SUBJECT: U.S. MUNITIONS CONSORTIUM PLANT

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25657 (DTG 081321Z DEC 75), (C) STATE 292618 (DTG 112333Z
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1. U.S. MUNITIONS CONSORTIUM (USMC) HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY OR MACHTAI FOR A NUMBER OF
MONTHS. WE CONTACTED THEIR AGENT, A.J. DA MOTTA, ON DECEMBER 17.

2. DA MOTTA SAYS HE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH AIR CHIEF
MARSHALL
KAMON, CINC RTAF, AND QUOTE OTHERS UNQUOTE
ABOUT THE USMC PROPOSAL AND BELIEVES RTAF WILL BE
PREPARED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS.
HE ADDS THAT RTAF WISHES TO KEEP A LOW U.S. PROFILE
IN THE PROJECT. A THAI COMPANY WILL BE SET UP AS
A QUOTE FRONT UNQUOTE WITH 100 PERCENT LOCAL FINANCING
AND USMC WILL THEN BE HIRED UNDER A MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE PLANT.

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3. KAMON HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JUSMAG

AIR FORCE DIVISION REQUESTING VERIFICATION OF THE COMPANY'S BONA FIDES. JUSMAG ADVISED RTAF TO HAVE THEIR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON INVESTIGATE THE FIRM'S CREDENTIALS.

4. RTAF OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE VENTURE WILL COST CLOSE TO \$4 MILLION (NOT \$1.5 MILLION AS BARRY CLAIMS) AND WILL BE RUN ENTIRELY BY USMC (INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO HIRE AND FIRE) FOR FIVE YEARS, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO RTAF MANAGEMENT. USMC HAS ALSO OFFERED TO ACT AS RTAF'S OVERSEAS SALES REPRESENTATIVE AND ASSUME LIABILITY FOR ANY COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT SUITS THAT MAY ARISE. RTAF CLAIMS TO HAVE HALF A MILLION DOLLARS ON HAND AND TO BE PREPARED TO LET THE CONTRACT AND BEGIN PLANT CONSTRUCTION, POSSIBLY IN THE KOKETHIEM AREA, WHEN THEIR INQUIRIES INTO USMC'S CREDENTIALS ARE COMPLETE. THEY APPEAR TO BE SERIOUS IN GOING AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT, ALTHOUGH WE ARE SKEPTICAL AS TO WHETHER THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED IN 60 DAYS.

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